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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BURLINGTON VT

540 PM EDT THU JUN 10 2004

...TORNADOES OCCURRED IN ST LAWRENCE COUNTY NEW YORK ON JUNE 9TH...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AERIAL SURVEY OF STORM DAMAGE IN SOUTHWESTERN ST LAWRENCE COUNTY NEW YORK CONFIRMS THE TOUCHDOWN OF TWO WEAK TORNADOES. THE TORNADOES OCCURRED WITHIN SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS WHICH AFFECTED MANY AREAS OF NORTHERN NEW YORK AND VERMONT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE FIRST TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN ON OAK ISLAND IN CHIPPEWA BAY OF THE ST LAWRENCE RIVER AT APPROXIMATELY 415 PM AND MOVED ASHORE AND SOUTHEASTWARD TO NEAR ROUTE 37. SEVERAL STRUCTURES WERE DAMAGED AND THE ROOF OF ONE BUILDING WAS DROPPED INTO THE RIVER. 40 TO 60 TREES FELL ALONG THE DAMAGE PATH WHICH WAS 3 MILES LONG AND TWO TENTHS MILE WIDE.

THE SECOND TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN ABOUT 3 MILES SOUTHEAST OF GOUVERNEUR AT APPROXIMATELY 440PM NEAR ROUTE 58. ROOF DAMAGE OCCURRED AND ABOUT 10 LARGE TREES FELL ALONG THE DAMAGE PATH WHICH WAS ABOUT 900 FEET LONG AND 300 FEET WIDE. THE PUBLIC OBSERVED A TORNADIC CLOUD FORMATION AT THIS LOCATION.

BOTH TORNADOES WERE CLASSIFIED AS F0 TORNADOES...WHICH PRODUCE WINDS OF APPROXIMATELY 70 MPH.

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